

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released video of the statement he gave yesterday, while participating in a hearing in the Small Business Committee. The hearing focused on proposed rules from the Department of Labor which would threaten the ability of young people to gain valuable experience working on a farm. The rules would restrict any person under the age of 16 from working on a farm that isn't owned or co-owned by his or her parents.

King has firsthand experience with training young people to work in rural America, and at the hearing he related a story about how he raised his three sons to appreciate the importance of work.

"All three of those sons they are all grown up, and they all work. They enjoy work. Work is an honorable thing. The life that we have in rural America is among the most honorable that we have, and when it's threatened I'm concerned about it ... I just think that it's a mistake for us to even think about lowering the standard ... for youth to work because the work ethic and the way of life is so valuable."

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